

NOTICE: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ** DUE TO THE OCCURRENCE OF SCRAPIE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, BRAZIL IS NOT ISSUING ANY IMPORT PERMITS TO IMPORTERS/BROKERS FOR IMPORTING SHEEP AND OVINE EMBRYOS AND SEMEN INTO BRAZIL.**

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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BRAZIL
FOR OVINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The semen must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian accredited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the semen to be exported. Additional information shall include:

I. Identification

1. Name and address of the facility producing the semen;
2. Identification of the donor animal;
3. Date of collection of the semen;
4. Identification of semen ampoules, straws, or tubes;
5. Number of doses from each donor;
6. Amount (units) in each straw, ampoule, or tube;

II. Health Requirements

1. Of the country:

- 1.1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease without vaccination, rinderpest, sheep and goat pox, and peste des petits ruminants.

2. Of the center/facility:

- 2.1 The center/facility is directly supervised and controlled by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.

- 2.2 The center/facility keeps a daily health record of all animals at the center/facility.
- 2.3 The center/facility is physically isolated from other livestock facilities.

3. Of the animals resident at the center/facility:

- 3.1 During the 12 months prior to the collection of the lot of semen for Brazil, the health inspection conducted by the veterinarian revealed no clinical signs of any contagious or infectious diseases.
- 3.2 During the 12 months prior to the collection of the lot semen for Brazil, no cases of scrapie, blue tongue, pulmonary adenomatosis, leptospirosis, Q-fever, Ovine Progressive Pneumonia (OPP), paratuberculosis or brucellosis have been reported to occur at the facility/center.

4. Of the donor animals:

- 4.1 The donor animal/s has remained on the premises for at least 30-60 days prior to the collection of the semen to be exported to Brazil.
- 4.2 The donor animal is not affected with or has not been exposed to scrapie, and/or did not originate from, or has been on any premises which then were infected or were source flock premises, and is not the progeny, sire or dam, or full or half brother or sister of any animal found to be affected with scrapie, and has not been moved from premises located in an area quarantined for scrapie.
- 4.3 The donor animal/s was/were negative to tests every 6 months for the following diseases:
 - a. Leptospirosis: (i) Microtiter serum agglutination test for the serotypes of *Leptospira canicola*, *pomona*, *grippotyphosa*, *icterohaemorrhagiae*, and *hardjo*, showing agglutination not

equal to, nor higher than 1/400 dilution; OR, (ii) Vaccination

b. Brucellosis: Brucella ovis, Complement fixation (CF) test OR ELISA test.

c. Blue tongue: AGID test, OR ELISA test, OR virus isolation on a sample of the semen;

d. OPP (Maedi-Visna): AGID test

5. Of the semen:

5.1 The semen was extended using additives/diluents not containing pathogenic organisms.

5.2 After collection and until shipment to Brazil, the semen for export was kept in storage containers designated for export use in a storage facility supervised by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.

5.3 Only sterilized flasks and fresh liquid nitrogen that have not been used for any other purposes have been utilized for said storage.

OTHER INFORMATION

The health certificate must be stamped/visaed at the nearest Brazilian consulate office.